



# City of Norman, OK

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**Type:** Resolution

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**Version:** 1

**Reference:** Item No. 23

**In Control:** City Council

**Department:** City Clerk Department

**Cost:**

**File Created:** 12/04/2014

**File Name:** Municipal Campaign Finance Resolution

**Final Action:**

**Title:** RESOLUTION R-1415-63: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ACT AND PETITIONING THE STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, WHOSE CONSTITUENCIES INCLUDE NORMAN CITIZENS, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A LEGISLATIVE BILL AMENDING STATE LAW TO ALLOW CITIES, SUCH AS NORMAN, TO ENACT LOCAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING THAT WILL SUPPLEMENT STATE FILING REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING CONTRIBUTION LIMITS APPROPRIATE TO THE PARTICULAR CITY, AND PROVIDING GREATER TRANSPARENCY OF CAMPAIGN DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

**Notes:** ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt or reject Resolution No. R-1415-63.

ACTION TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda Date:** 12/09/2014

**Agenda Number:** 23

**Attachments:** R-1415-63.pdf, Letter from the Mayor,  
O-1415-23.pdf, O-1415-23 annotated.pdf

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**Effective Date:**

### History of Legislative File

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### Text of Legislative File R-1415-63

Body

**BACKGROUND:** Pursuant to the advice of the City Attorney, City Council adopted Ordinance O-1415-23 on November 25, 2014, amending certain provisions of Chapter 7.5 of the City's Code of Ordinances to be consistent with the newly enacted state Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act. Several members of City Council expressed concern about the new state law, the state's declaration that local election campaign finance and expenditure reporting is a matter of state-wide concern, and that the state law prohibits local governments from enacting local reporting requirements. Councilmembers expressed opinions that local regulation could provide greater election transparency over municipal elections and local campaign finance reports and thus could positively supplement state law reporting requirements.

City Council directed staff to prepare a resolution expressing these concerns and petitioning the state legislative delegation, who represent constituencies that include the citizens of Norman, to propose new legislation to amend this act to allow cities, such as Norman, to exercise an option to enact local reporting standards to supplement those state requirements under the recently enacted Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act.

City Council also requested that a letter be sent to the state legislative delegation expressing these concerns and documenting the request for new legislation. Because of the impending bill filing deadline on December 12, 2014, the Mayor submitted the attached December 5, 2014, letter to the state legislative delegation advising them of the City Council's concerns, request, and upcoming consideration of this Resolution in advance of the December 9, 2014, meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION:** As directed, this requested Resolution documenting the City's position and petitioning the state legislative delegation representing Norman citizens for new legislation amending the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act has been prepared for City Council's review and consideration.